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# Dreamland

**DEB REED**

*County Life contributor*

A 'thin veil' moment occurs for some of us in early winter. Weather, landscape, mood - everything changes. It's often loaded with contradictions: grief/hope, colour/bleakness, detachment/connection, energy/exhaustion. The Celts called winter 'the dark season'. Cold, time, isolation - enduring it was the only goal.

It's dark season because it's the end of harvest and beginning of longer nights. Nature does a cruel about-face. Humans had better have stored enough crops, wood, game and seeds to fuel the uneasy countdown to spring.

Fire and sun are critical to civilization. Global cultures have always been guided by these, and acknowledge them as essential to life. Warmth. Light. Without them, dark season is even spiritually unsustainable. Survival requires all possible levels of energy.

Because we're mostly indoors, we feel extra wistful, peevish, and lethargic. Guitars shift to minor key. Painters use more black, white and blue. It's not rare to feel blue from November to March. Maintaining physical and creative activity, socializing, healthy eating and finding sunlight help reduce winter loneliness. We're in dormancy, under-stimulated, forgetful, facing ourselves. But crawling into caves or mud to lower our heart rates and go unconscious for weeks is not what we get to do.

Like squirrels scrambling to feed or keep warm, we become more quickly alarmed. Our nightmares intensify, showing us inside our own souls, now we are distancing from gregarious summer. We reluctantly face every associated shock: birdsong turns silent, gardens fade, soup eclipses salad, flannel sheets ... and despite unwelcome inertia and exhaustion, we sometimes lie sleepless with tension, stale air, strange house noises and extra-weird thoughts!

To counteract discomfort, some of us turn busier, like manic elves prepping food for others, hitting the gym, or initiating a great Canadian novel. Snowbirds simply disappear at first darkish hint of mercury falling! Otherwise, we at least fantasize about vacationing. Armchair travel is our vicarious go-to, and it's more accessible these days than ever through e-books and online streaming of playlists and marathon documentaries. Many of us dream big through virtual shopping, filling our laptop 'carts' with the impossible, then merely Black Friday bulk-ordering more cat food.

Ironically, winter nights can actually be interrupted by sun! When its overcharged particles smash into Earth's atmosphere, our magnetic field blocks their electrons from doing direct damage. We witness the multicoloured flares and curtains of impact, 'auroras', those northern (and southern) lights which lure us outside at 2 a.m., toques and cameras on. Indigenous mythologies contain legends where auroras are dancing ancestors, and if we whistle, we're encouraging them to reach down and grab us back up with them!

When Shakespeare's Hamlet felt most conflicted, he mused out loud alone: "To die, to sleep – to sleep, perchance to dream – ay, there's the rub, for in this sleep of death what dreams may come …"

For us, it's actual hibernation. We need to eat, sleep, rejuvenate. We reflect a lot. We emerge in spring to start again. Sunshine will heal and guide us. Stay patient. Stay warm!

Marc Jones stands in front of Todd's Independent on Dec. 7 during the Fill the Cruiser campaign. The intention is to fill the police car with bagged goods from the grocery store, and the community once again proved how caring and kind they are during the holiday season. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

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When: Every Saturday, 3 p.m.
Where: Coboconk Legion, Hwy 48 and 35
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Storytellers of Haliburton County

# What's your favourite genre?

**JANET TRULL**

*County Life contributor*

What are you reading? When I meet up with friends I haven't seen in a while I want to know what they're reading. I like Canadian Literature which some think is too dark. Mystery and detective stories are ever popular with puzzles to solve and human motivations to explore. They're satisfying because the mess usually gets tidied up at the end. Historical fiction and romance are book club favourites, especially when they are combined. *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn and *The Women* by Kristin Hannah merge war stories with passion. Non-fiction readers want facts and research told with thoughtful reflection.

One genre I rarely read is known in the book world as SFF. Science Fiction and Fantasy. When all my friends were devouring Diana Gabaldon's *Outlander* series, following Claire Fraser back and forth through the centuries, I struggled with the possibility of time travel. I'm hoping Ruth E. Walker can help me learn more about this genre.

## Meet Ruth E. Walker

Ruth E. Walker's award-winning fiction, poetry and non-fiction have appeared in magazine and journals in Canada, the US and Europe. In 2012, her historical adult novel, *Living Underground*, was a top ten in the Canadian Authors' Association best novel award. Ruth is a creative writing workshop facilitator, an editor and writing coach. She works with Life to Paper Publishing and co-owns Writescape. Here is what she says about SFF:

"I am interested in cultures and human behaviour, and fantasy and science fiction both offer a broad canvas to writers and readers. SFF is a way to imagine 'us" in what I consider to be a 'safe/controlled" context. The setting can be a spaceship in another galaxy or a step taken through a magical portal to a strange world, but the problems of being human will follow characters there (even non-human characters like robots or dragons). Jealousy, fear, longing, curiosity -- all the human qualities are in a writer's inkwell, ready to be explored. Engaging characters create emotional connections through their wants and needs. Often what a character wants is not what a character needs, and that disconnect can make any story interesting. Readers enjoy seeing a character struggle through the obstacles to achieving their goals – we want to cheer them along, feel their broken hearts and be satisfied at a story's end. Endings are hard to get right but must reflect the story's themes. The novel I'm working on right now is about guilt and learning to forgive yourself. But when I'm finally

Author Ruth E. Walker is an award-winning writer who lives in the Haliburton Highlands. /Photo by Lori Twining

done the first draft, I may discover other themes that I didn't realize were present. After the first draft is complete, the real work begins. I will go back in and add, delete or reshape parts of the story that strengthen the plot and its themes. All that work will often bring me to a better ending than in the first draft."

I asked Ruth to describe her writing practice.

"I'm writing a young adult fantasy novel (dragons!), as well as a few stories in various stages of completion. I write at least an hour almost every day and for longer periods when there is a deadline, or the muse has taken me 'into the zone.' In that case, I essentially disappear into the words. I can write anywhere, but I am most happy writing at my kitchen table at our four-season riverside cottage near Gelert."

Do you have any tips to encourage beginning writers?

"Attend conferences, book launches and writing retreats. Check out organizations like the Writers' Union of Canada and the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association. Read widely (shoutout to libraries and Kathy Stouffer at Master's Books!) Be active in the world. Explore the natural environment and do things that bring you joy. Above all, be kind to yourself – even the greatest writers create stories that get rejected, so dust yourself off and submit that story somewhere else. Occasionally, stretch a bit and read books you normally wouldn't choose. And always remember that no one else has your life experience, worldview and, most importantly, your voice. Write with your true authentic voice because it will help you discover the stories you have always been meant to tell."

All good advice. Thanks Ruth. If you are a writer with ideas to share, email me at haliburtonlake@gmail.com. Everyone has a story to tell.

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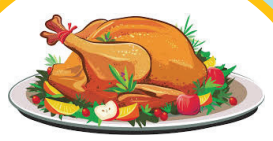

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## Dance the night away

The 11th annual Christmas Shindig took place on Nov. 30 at the Haliburton Legion. The event featured the band Ragged Company, who had everyone out on the dance floor over the evening, as well as a silent auction, and snacks from the Haliburton Lion's Club. The fundraiser for Fuel for Warmth brought in $51,338 to support local families to heat their homes over the winter months. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

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## *Writing on the Senior Side*

# *Christmas without him*

**GAIL STELTER**

*County Life Contributor*

I love Christmas. Every Christmas brings joy and family love. We will celebrate with all our children, their spouses and grandchildren on Dec. 28 and 29. It cannot be anything but wonderful when 21 of us come together here in our Haliburton home. It cannot be anything but shouting out with glee when we sing Christmas carols, eat Christmas favourites, play the gift games, have hot tubs, and go to the arena for our annual Stelter Family Skate. Yes, I will be putting on those skates again. I hope I am getting better if not, oh well.

I know that many of you, like me, have experienced many Christmases and that we delight in memories of our own childhood and those of our young children. I also know that this Christmas season can be sad as some memories bring on a tear. Likely, many of you on the senior side have not made it this far without the loss of someone you love. Remembering them at Christmas is natural and welcome. I have written the story of my first Christmas without my dad as a celebration of both the sadness and the love. I hope you like it and I hope it will bring back your memories of loved ones and will blanket the sadness with gladness.

The box of decorations brought memories and promises. Gail smiled at the newborn babe in her arms and the toddler climbing onto her lap and pretending to breastfeed a doll. She was ready to face Christmas in the new order of life.

"Peter, my mom wants us to come for Christmas dinner. She said that Jimmy would help her prepare. What do you think?"

*Christmas with family became a little more complicated when Gail and Peter married. His mother and brother wanted to keep the German tradition of Christmas Eve turkey dinner and the opening of gifts. Her family always opened presents on Christmas morning, followed by Christmas breakfast/brunch and the traditional turkey dinner in the early evening. They went to both dinners. It had worked for seven years. It worked when their daughter, now two and a half years old, was born, and she hoped it would work this year, especially with the November birth of their baby boy.*

*"Gail, it is going to be difficult for your mom and I don't think she is ready yet to give up her Christmas traditions. We should go there. Anyway, if we have it here at our house, we have to invite my mom and brother and I don't think your mom is ready for that yet."*

*Shit, she thought, I'm not ready for that either. Gail's feelings for her mother-in-law fluctuated. She knew this first Christmas was going to be heart-heavy.*

*She said, "Yes, I guess so. We'll go there for dinner."*

*The house on Smithfield Drive looked festive but felt strange without his buoyancy. It had been nine months since his sudden departure. She was getting used to life without him, but this Christmas had become an overwhelmingly sad reminder of that day.*

*Monday, March 17, 1975, St. Patrick's Day. Jim Kennedy left his office on Jarvis Street in Toronto at the usual time and was walking to the nearby pub to meet Mike Kelly for a pint of green "Irish" beer. Mike knew something was wrong. The St. Patrick's Day "Irish" green beer was a tradition and Jim would not renege on a promise to meet a buddy for a beer. Jim didn't show up so Mike went home. Jim had a heart attack on the sidewalk outside his office. Jim died. He was 58 years old.*

*When Gail thought of her dad, she often recalled the saying about lighting a candle at both ends: "When a candle burns at both ends, it will not last the night. But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends, it gives a lovely light!" (Edna St. Vincent Millay). Her dad died too soon. They said he drank too much. He did. They said he ate too much. He did. They said he didn't attend to his fitness and health. He didn't. They said he lit the candle at both ends. But oh, she thought, it had been a lovely light. She was 26 years old when he died and every stranger she saw reminded her of him. The old man who bumped into her with his walker reminded her of all the old people still alive. She was bitter and jealous. The teller at the bank laughed so easily, freely spilling joy to all. Her dad had that same exuberance. The clerk at the library reminded her that her dad took her to get her first library card and inspired her voracious appetite for books. Even the young couple on the street corner embracing passionately reminded her of him. Dad had wrapped her in unconditional love and hugged her with beaming pride. He lit the candle at both ends. It had been a lovely light. She told herself to remember the lovely light and let it shine over the sadness. Christmas at mom's would be fine.*

*Her brother was slicing the turkey when he found the package with the giblets and liver still inside. Dad usually cleaned the turkey and took it out. They laughed, well, not quite a laugh. They talked and the little ones were the source of their smiles and chatter. She watched as her mom sighed, pulled herself up from the table and went to the kitchen to put the finishing touches on the hot butterscotch sauce and warm plum pudding. Hot butterscotch was her mom's tradition. The recipe surfaced each year. It had been her grandmother's and had come from England. When she got married, Gail copied out the recipe. Her mom brought the plum pudding to the table, her face revealing silent tears. Gail's heart plunged. Perhaps this year, the hot butterscotch sauce was just too much of a reminder of lives lived and forever changed.*

Next year, Gail will have them all at her house. There would be hot butterscotch sauce, plum pudding, a German torte, and a Yule log cake. Next year will be better.

Sending all my readers best wishes for a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. Merry Christmas.

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## The magic of makers

THIS TIME of year is filled with plenty of magic. Twinkling lights, curious kids, the world cloaked in sparkling white. There's the old movies, the classic carols, the comfort foods baking on a lazy Saturday afternoon.

But one of my favourite parts is visiting the many Holiday Markets around the community. Each week, during our production days, I sit down at my computer and map out what's on the go for the next seven days. We then figure out who can tackle what, and we delegate our team accordingly.

**EMILY STONEHOUSE**
*County Life Editor*

I often opt for the markets. And while my journalism salary does not complement my desire to attend each and every market as a shopper, I still like to show up, even just to feel the magic of the makers.

Holiday Markets remind me of the way Christmas is supposed to be celebrated. Simple, sweet, and homemade. I love walking from table to table, seeing the creations of each individual maker.

Because these makers don't create for the money. No no, they create because they care. Because creating brings them joy, and they believe that their joy can be felt by others. Worthy of being shared.

I don't know about you, but my inbox has been filled to the brim lately with online shopping deals. Black Friday went from being a single day, to bargains available weeks leading up to the date. Finally after it passed, I let my shoulders drop, my jaw unclench, suddenly aware of the tension that had been building inside of me with the pressure to shop. To find that deal. To keep up with consumerism.

I was just feeling settled when a new blast of emails went out; Cyber Monday. More deals, more shopping, more consumerism.

We are bombarded with buying these days; targeted ads scrolling on our screens, pressures to purchase to keep up with the newest trend; whatever TikTok says is the "must have" item of the season.

I myself have fallen prey to these purchasing potions more than once. The need for more particularly running rampant during my early post-partum days; adding to cart during those late night feeds when it felt like I was the only person awake in the world.

But the magic of makers has reminded me about how we should be shopping: mindfully. And while there are many items that perhaps we don't all need from these Holiday Markets, the stories behind them add value to their very existence.

Sweetly sewn mittens from upcycled blankets, hand-cut stained glass from 100-year old windows, wooden boxes carefully carved from fallen trees, crocheted critters with large, sweet eyes, just asking to be squished by a little one on Christmas morning.

And perched at each table, behind their creations, are the makers themselves. Quick with a story, ready to answer questions.

I've observed that many makers often let the browser take the lead. They're not bold and pushy like the hundreds of emails in my inbox.

Often, the makers are humble, quiet, proud of their products. Because putting those creations out into the world is putting a little piece of themselves right there with it. Their love of creating and building and tinkering and toying with these little pieces, hoping they will find a home with love.

Real-life elves, sharing a little Christmas spirit in a world that seems to forget how to slow down, and recognize the magic in each little creation.

So here's to the makers this holiday season, and a reminder to shop local wherever and whenever possible.

Because we all need to be reminded of the magic this time of year.

## Top 10 ways to avoid shoveling the driveway

So far, I've had to shovel my driveway four times this year and remove snow from the back deck twice and the roof once. This is the definition of unacceptable.

I mean we can send a man to the moon but we can't solve this?

**STEVE GALEA**
Humour Columnist

The reason, of course, is because NASA is based in Florida.

Fortunately, I'm not. Which is why I recently developed the top 10 ways to avoid shoveling your driveway.

1. Allow so much snow to accumulate that no one actually knows where the driveway in question is.
2. Lease out your driveway for snowplough parking.
3. Invite everyone to a neighbourhood snowball fight on your driveway.
4. Convince gullible kid that there is buried treasure somewhere beneath all that snow.
5. Invite desperate influencers to compare snow shovel effectiveness in a "real life shoveling situation."
6. Purchase enough vehicles to cover entire driveway.
7. Move to Panama – immediately.
8. Place a sign beside driveway, saying "Free snowshoeing trail fill."
9. Advertise a "Free snow man kit."
10. Tell neighbour "Your new snowblower is nice, but I bet it isn't powerful enough to do my driveway…"

## A generous community

**KATE BUTLER**
*County Life contributor*

LAST WEEK, I had the pleasure of helping to bring the Highlands Christmas Shindig to life, or to be more specific, helping to bring it from the Haliburton Legion into the living rooms of those who wished to watch from home. As you may already know, the event is an annual holiday fundraiser in support of Fuel for Warmth. Currently in its eleventh year, the event has grown and changed over that time, moving from the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion to the Legion and changing format from a variety show to a dance with one live band (and some very entertaining hosts!) What hasn't changed, however, is the support which our community has shown for the event year after year. While totals may still grow as the final figures are assembled, it was revealed on the night of the event that the Highlands Christmas Shindig had raised over $51,000 to help Fuel for Warmth provide support to homes in need across Haliburton County. As I was speaking with Drew Allen, one of the event's organizers, we both remarked on the generosity of the individuals, groups and businesses in the Haliburton Highlands which comes through again and again.

This spirit of generosity is nothing new in our community, however. Looking through accounts from our community's history, you can find evidence everywhere you look. While life for early settlers in Haliburton County came with many challenges, community members were clearly keen to find ways they could help each other. One story that springs to mind pertains to a local family who in the winter of 1882 found themselves in need due to illness. The local Dramatic Society quickly rallied to put together an evening's entertainment at the Town Hall as a fundraiser to support the family. Another story which always stands out to me, particularly at this time of year is that of Margaret Burke, who around the same era would, quietly and with no fanfare, work magic behind the scenes of the children's Christmas party at St. George's Anglican Church, ensuring that local children would find those gifts about which they'd been dreaming, but their families might not be able to afford, underneath the tree. A glimpse through back issues of the *Echo* from dates over its 140-year history reminds us that this giving spirit shows up time and again. It might can take many forms, ranging from large projects co-ordinated and funded by our amazing local service clubs to quickly organizers fundraisers which respond to a sudden need when it arises in the moment. It may be a program involving many individuals or the simple act of giving from one individual to another. It might involve funds, the sharing of skills or the generous donation of one's time and enthusiasm. There are so many ways in which members of our community can and do give.

The holidays are a time of year when our thoughts naturally turn to causes which we feel are important to support. It's a time for fundraisers, holiday appeals, food drives and toy drives, which do the important work of ensuring that the holidays can spread cheer as widely as possible. While these sorts of events and programs may have an especially high profile throughout the holiday season, it's also vital for us all to keep in mind that many of these causes continue to need our support throughout the year and there are so many ways we can help. Let's remember to keep that spirit of the holidays with us as we look down the road into 2025!

## A Christmas Classic

It was a full house for Skyline Studio's annual Nutcracker performance at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion this past weekend. Dancers of all ages graced the stage on Dec. 7 and 8 to perform the classic holiday story in front of dazzled crowds. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

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After spending days with excruciating back pain, Owen decided it was time to visit the Haliburton Highlands Health Services emergency department. This set the wheels in motion for a three week journey he did not expect to take this September. He shared his grateful patient story with us.

Owen and the emergency doctor discussed the pain...was it a kidney stone, bladder stone, gallbladder? An ultrasound revealed a fuzzy lump in the bladder. Something that needed further investigation. Owen was sent home with pain medication, an appointment for another ultrasound and emphatically urged to see a urologist. Owen's family doctor stepped in with a urology referral, a visit to a cystoscopy clinic and finally surgery. It was determined that the mass was a cancerous tumour. Thankfully, the cancer cells are low grade and Owen's prognosis is good.

In his own words, he is thankful for "that little ER ultrasound" otherwise his bladder cancer would have gone undetected. Owen has committed to making an annual donation to the HHHS Foundation to show how grateful he and his family are for the timely, exceptional care he received. With upgraded tools and equipment, doctors in Haliburton County can make better and faster diagnoses for people like Owen.

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# A story and a song with Walter

MY LITTLE home seems very full on a dark and snowy December night. My deaf and blind 17-year old maltese seems to be underfoot constantly, my two felines scatter themselves across any flat surface, knocking over my feeble attempts at festive decorations, and Walter claims the couch closest to the fire. Last night I fell asleep on my yoga mat on the floor, not even making it to final *Jeopardy!*, only to wake and look across the room at Walter sprawled on the couch. There are times when I feel a little underappreciated and quite frankly, annoyed, by my furry companions.

**KAREN PHIPPS**
*Walter & Me*

While we navigate the rhythm of the seasons together, I dream of the fur-free crisp, white bedsheets of hotel rooms, and evenings unhindered by demands for kibble, treats, and walks. I sometimes wonder if I have picked the right playlist for my journey, but really, what would I change?

All my furry family were rescues, needing some care, a home, and someone to give them love. It's hard not to open your doors and your heart when it's often a matter of life and death for a sweet little soul. I felt the inn was full prior to Walter's arrival, but it turns out there was room for one more when he arrived, and albeit cramped at times, every critter plays a role in the story; has a piece in the song. We just all need to work together to make the pages turn smoothly, the music play harmoniously.

The idea of demanding compliance makes me feel like I've failed in my ability to reason and arrive at a mutually supportive agreement. I don't want to quell Walter's spirit, just temper it a little - give my repetitive shoulder strain a chance to heal. I keep thinking that eventually he is going to respect me enough to listen, go easy on me, and use his manners, however, even with a wish and a prayer, the scoreboard is not changing. This is where training comes in.

Walter and I completed our fourth training session last week under the skilled guidance of Leah at Snoop Dog Training. It turns out that I am the one needing training as Walter is pretty responsive to most techniques. I am learning to expect compliance, actually demand it, and feel okay about that. This is tougher than it sounds. No mistake, I can certainly be demanding, stubborn and fiercely determined, but so can Walter. Generally in our daily interactions, if anyone was to keep count, Walter may be leading in the scoreboard. Leah is helping me to balance the scoreboard confidently, because there truly are moments when just a little compliance is a beautiful thing, and so greatly appreciated.

I am learning that sometimes moderating Walter's zest may be the only way of sustaining our relationship. Last week, we ventured to Dahl Forest, a place where the spirit of the land is celebrated, protected and in no way being forced to comply with human demands. If you haven't been to Dahl Forest, you are in for a delight. Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) was granted the 500 acre parcel of land from the Dahl Family in 2009.

We walked before the blanket of snow arrived and tucked away all the flora for a winter's nap. We were still able to see some of the lingering signs of the diverse plant life, now brittle versions of their summer's glory, but still beautiful in their collective bounty. Dahl Forest has a spirit, it's a place where you feel the love, the labour, the dreams that people poured into the land. It is also a place that has a presence of its own. It is like meeting someone new and appreciating their unique character. It has an earnestness, a purpose. You understand that nature is the director and we are just visitors in a remarkable and biodiverse world.

The Dahl family planted over 100,000 trees in the 1950s, and removed old barbed wire fences left over from earlier attempts at farming. There are remains of a stone foundation where early free grant pioneer settlers carved out a homestead. The Dahl family understood that when you love something; when you see its beauty, strength and vulnerability, you cannot put a price on it. They gifted the land to HHLT to care for and to allow for people to appreciate it into perpetuity. The trails are wide and the signage is excellent. There are seven relatively short hikes that total five kilometres, each highlighting a unique feature of wetland, forests, open areas as well as views to the Burnt River that bisects the area. The Land Trust are excellent stewards and their care for the land is apparent in their maintenance and appreciation of the Dahl Forest.

There is beauty in letting something be, the Beatles certainly understood that. I am grateful to the Dahl family, who have gifted a truly beautiful place to be enjoyed by many, and to the Haiburton Highlands Land Trust for making this possible, and being such determined stewards to protect and preserve its natural beauty.

I enjoyed my wander with Walter this week even as he continues to stretch me in all sorts of ways. I am learning that some relationships take a little longer to yin and yang and require a little more effort and patience, even if our song is a little off-key, discordant, unharmonious, it is still a song I am willing to sing, a story I am willing to write.

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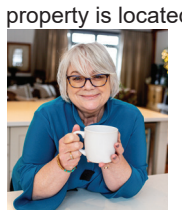

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An Eastern Wolf submitted by Leslie Austen

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Two white-tailed deer friends, submitted by Tammy Nash

A mourning dove in winter, submitted by Jill Moulton

A curious blue jay in the snow, submitted by Jill Moulton

# 'Tis The Season To Be Irish: a Hallmark movie review

**ASHLEY MCALLISTER**

*County Life contributor*

Nobody is more surprised than me to be back again, spoiling another Hallmark Christmas movie. To say that the first one felt like a privilege that I assumed would be revoked immediately after it went to print would be an understatement. Luckily for me, I can't stop, won't stop watching these movies, so I was prepared for this sequel. Today we're covering *Tis The Season To Be Irish*, which features accents, a pop star in hiding that does not advance the plot in any discernible way, and a renovation montage à la HGTV.

I feel qualified to cover this film because I have been to Ireland once, unlike the screenwriter, probably. *Tis The Season To Be Irish* kicks off with Rose, a "flip it and quit it" (go Hallmark) renovator who buys a cottage in Ireland over the phone. This is the first unrealistic thing to happen in this movie, given Rose is a millennial and there's no way she's making a phone call if an email will suffice. Rose arrives in the small town of Dunclare, Ireland, and is met by Sean, the realtor who sold her the cottage. Rose, like many Hallmark heroines before her, has brought more coats on this trip than she has tact, because she tells Sean she isn't in Ireland to make friends, but is just there to flip the cottage and get out. Weirdly, Sean is offended, and the enemies-to-lovers trope has lift-off!

Rose is shocked to discover her fixer-upper requires fixing up, which basically means someone needs to take down a tarp or two and remove all the straw inside the cottage (barn?), for reasons nobody addresses. She also learns Sean is the historical preservationist who has to sign off on her renos. Rough lesson on why we should not open with hostility toward the locals.

Rose makes three new friends during her time in Dunclare: a British widow named Sandy there to spread her husband's ashes (interesting choice for Christmas, Hallmark), Caitlin, another victim of Sean's cottage reno catfishing, and Lamb Chop, a literal sheep that keeps escaping his nativity scene at the local Christmas Market (run by Sean). I want to state my biases here: Lamb Chop deserves an Academy Award for his performance.

Rose is used to spending the holidays alone because she is an orphan - which is to say her mother died ten years ago and her dad remarried and moved to Florida. Rose feels her mother gave up her dreams of traveling by settling down and having a baby, so now Rose vows to never stay in one place long, in case I don't know, pregnancy catches her? Rose and Sean spend the next week or so establishing their romantic tension as Sean shuts down Rose's renovation ideas. Undeterred by this, Rose continues single-handedly, and without a tradesperson in sight, restoring the cottage. She lists it with Sean, who is I guess the only realtor in town, despite it having no heat or running water. This seems illegal, but isn't a plot point so we move past it.

It wouldn't be an international Hallmark movie without a few nods to the locale they are exploiting, so we traverse a few Irish traditions. Rose makes a wish on a fairy tree to find her new home, Sean's mother Mary teaches Rose to make mince pies, and Caitlin makes a Wren Day wreath, which has something to do with warding off winter depression, I don't know. All you need to know is that at this point, Rose and Sean are In Love, because Rose is a sympathetic commitment-phobe and Sean has an accent, which to be honest does a lot of the heavy lifting here. At one point Sean, with zero context, brings Rose to a haunted-looking forest - something that is only okay if the guy is Hallmark-hot and has an Irish accent - to pick mistletoe, which turns out, grows on trees! Here he tells her that she has an offer coming in on the cottage, contingent on an inspection, which seems weird given that again, there is *no heat or running water.*

Hallmark gives us a twist that Caitlin is actually Caity, a famous pop star who is hiding from fame. This isn't relevant, but they felt it was worth adding so I did too. It does explain I guess why Caitlin later sings Danny Boy on a clifftop as Sandy considers spreading her husband's ashes. Honestly, this movie was wild.

At this point, I'm getting concerned because even for Hallmark, these people are really incompatible. Sean is the mayor of this town (maybe?) and starts every conversation with how he'll never leave, and Rose can't stay anywhere too long without risking the perils of adult relationships. Celebrating Christmas with Sean's entire family, Rose tells him she's thinking of putting an offer on a place in Scotland, and that she wants him to come with her, displaying a marked lack of self-awareness since Sean has been very clear he won't leave. His face is a mask of horror and dismay.

Read the room, Rose!

Mary, Sean's mom, is shocked to hear Sean doesn't want to move to Scotland with Rose. He explains they've only known each other for three weeks, they spent one of those weeks fighting, she doesn't want commitment, etc. etc. Mary suggests it's actually because he's afraid of getting his heart broken, despite those other reasons sounding very solid but okay Mary go off.

Anyway, like the writer of this movie, I am losing steam here, but fortunately, we wrap up quickly. Rose shares that she has finally found her new home - in Sean. Sean says he'd go anywhere with Rose because he loves an adventure, and Rose says she loves a home (the literal opposite of what she's been saying this whole time but sure), and somehow those things will overlap. I don't know how, and clearly neither did Hallmark because this is where the credits roll, but I assume Rose doesn't go to Scotland.

I would rate this movie three Lamb Chops out of five, because I forgot to establish a scale again. A special shout-out to the scenery of Ireland which, by simply existing, did a lot more for the movie than the plot.

Pick up a copy of next week's paper to see if they let me return with another Hallmark movie!

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# Pay-what-you-can singing lessons gives back

**EMILY STONEHOUSE**
*County Life* Editor

Lauren Margison, a professional singer and songwriter who has performed all over the world, is now offering pay-what-you-can singing lessons to residents of Haliburton County. /Photo submitted

Music should be for everyone.

That's the belief that Lauren Margison carries with her through life. It's with this in mind, that the professional singer has launched pay-what-you-can singing lessons for anyone interested in Haliburton County. "Learning to use one's voice to the best of one's ability shouldn't be exclusively for those pursuing singing professionally," said Margison. "Singing is a proven mood booster, and with a solid vocal technique, the act of singing becomes all the more rewarding."

Margison has been tied to the Haliburton Highlands for most of her life; having cottaged here with her family as a child, and eventually gracing the stage with the Highlands Opera Studio into adulthood. She holds a Masters in Music from the University of Montreal, and is a graduate of the Canadian Opera Company Ensemble and the Atelier Lyrique of the Opera de Montréal. "I grew up surrounded by music," she said, "and my love of music and singing has extended to a love of teaching."

While opera runs through her veins, Margison's musical background was mostly focused around jazz, pop, and folk. She is well-versed in all styles and formats of music, and believes that in order to thrive in any one genre, all you need is a passion for signing. "Voice lessons are for everyone," she said.

"From those who are interested in pursuing singing as a career, to those that simply love music and want to learn more about how to produce their voices in a way that gives them more enjoyment when singing along to their favourite artist, and all others in between."

The lessons will be a hybrid model - partly in-person and partly over Zoom. "I am a working professional singer and that means that I'm not always able to be present in the region," said Margison, "but I have found a great deal of success with online coachings."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, like many others, Margison utilized Zoom to both teach and be taught. She noted that by offering an online option for teaching, it has the potential to break down hurdles that distance and transportation could present.

Each lesson starts with a consultation, said Margison, who uses the time to get a sense of the student's voice, as well as their singing goals. This also helps her assess the trajectory of the student, and figure out ways she can help them best attain their singing goals.

The pay-what-you-can singing lessons are available for anyone over the age of 14, and who resides in Haliburton County. To book a lesson, email lauren@highlandsoperastudio.com.

Margison said she is thrilled to be giving back in some capacity, to the community that has helped raise her from the age of 10. "I really consider myself a product of Haliburton County," she said. "Incredibly formative days have been spent in this gorgeous place, and it is an honour to me to give back to a place that has given me so much joy."

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# Caring grandparents, don't act too quickly!

Grandparent or emergency scams are common scams that target loving grandparents, taking advantage of their emotions to rob them of their money.

Fraudsters are targeting seniors by calling and pretending to be a family member in distress, the police or a justice official claiming that a loved one or grandchild is in trouble and needs money immediately. In other cases, the scammer will pretend to be an old neighbour or a family friend in trouble. Common misfortunes include having been in a car accident, getting locked up in jail, or trouble returning home from a foreign country.

The caller will ask you questions, getting you to reveal personal information. They'll also swear you to secrecy, saying that they are embarrassed and don't want other family members to find out what's happened. A scam call commonly starts as follows:

Victim: Hello?

Suspect: Hi Grandma/Nonna/Oma (depending on last name on Canada411 or potential accent).

Victim: Johnny? Is that you?

Suspect: Yes, it's Johnny. Grandma, my voice sounds different because I have a cold. Grandma, can you keep a secret? I really don't want my parents to know. I'm so scared and I need help.

Victim: Ok... What's going on? Are you okay?

Suspect: My friend picked me up to take me to the store and we were in his brother's car… (story about a car accident or other misfortune) and now I'm in jail and they won't let me out…

If you receive a suspicious call, remember:

- Be suspicious of calls that require immediate action. Hang up and contact the family member directly.
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### Branch 129 Haliburton

**Mondays:** Bridge 1 p.m. Schofield Rm. Youth darts 6:30 to 8 p.m. Clubroom 10 to 18 years of age. All are welcome, no experience necessary
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### Branch 636 Minden

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# She shoots, she scores

**EMILY STONEHOUSE**
*County Life* Editor

Cheyenne Degeer is no stranger to hockey. If anything, she's making her mark on the sport in the community.

The Grade 12 student from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School recently played for Team Ontario during the Under 18 National Women's Hockey Championship in New Brunswick, and won. "It honestly feels amazing," Degeer said. "It's the coolest experience I've ever had in hockey."

Degeer grew up in the sport, and remembers falling in love with it from a young age. "I was three, maybe four when I started," she recalled, noting that she got her start with the local Highland Storm.

"I played with the boys up to the Peewee level, then switched to a girls team in Peterborough," said Degeer.

Although she loved the sport, she said that growing up in a small community, playing a sport that was mostly male-dominated, came with its own challenges. "I got changed in a lot of supply closets along the way," she chuckled.

While she had no issues when it came to the physical side of playing with and against boys through the hockey leagues, she noted that she was missing the camaraderie of team sportsmanship.

"When I started playing with girls, the sport wasn't different, but I found a community," she said. "I found my best friends out of it."

Last year, Degeer was asked to play on the blue team for Team Ontario during the championships. That tournament brought her out to British Columbia, and prepared her for what was in store this year.

"I started with the blue team, but the red team is the more advanced team," she said. "And this year, I was asked to play on the red team, alongside 20 of the best women players in the province."

Degeer and her team faced off against Quebec in the finals at the national tournament this year, after a full week of hockey. Playing centre for the Ontario Team, Degeer was deep in the action when they pulled out a win for the tournament, putting them on top in the country.

The next stop for Degeer is St. Lawrence University in New York, where she will be playing for the university team. And she doesn't plan on slowing down there. "Hopefully I'll have a chance to play nationally," said Degeer, referencing the Professional Women's Hockey League, "but that's a long way away from now."

Growing up in Haliburton, Degeer feels proud to be a young woman in the sport that she so loves, and hopes she can inspire other young girls to follow their dreams.

"There were not a lot of girls playing hockey when I was growing up," she said, referencing the few she did meet along the way, and how they helped guide her to where she is today. "Now that I get to be one of those girls, who can be there for younger girls, that's so special."

Cheyenne Degeer of Haliburton recently won top spot in the Under 18 National Women's Hockey Championship in New Brunswick. /Submitted

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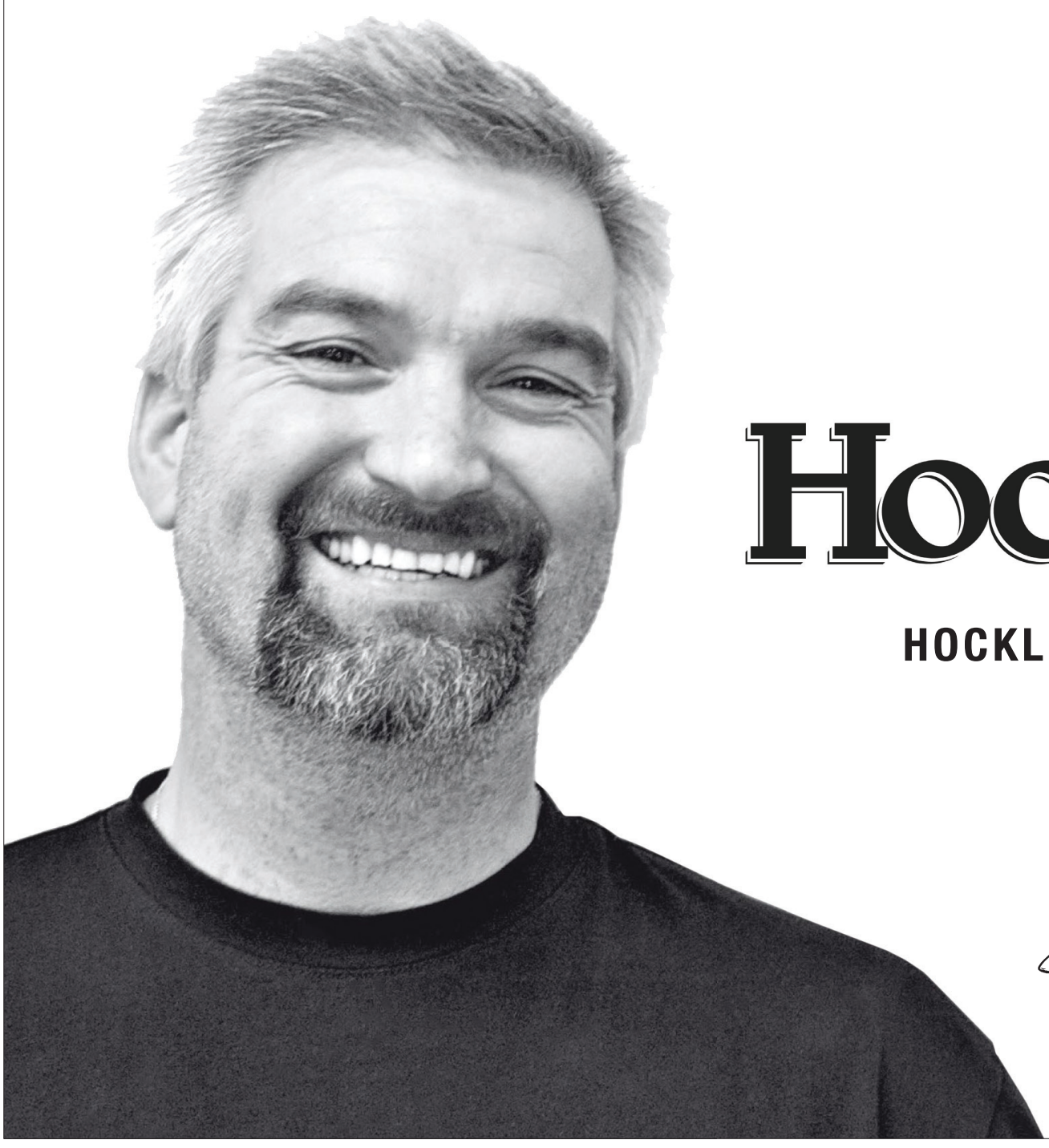

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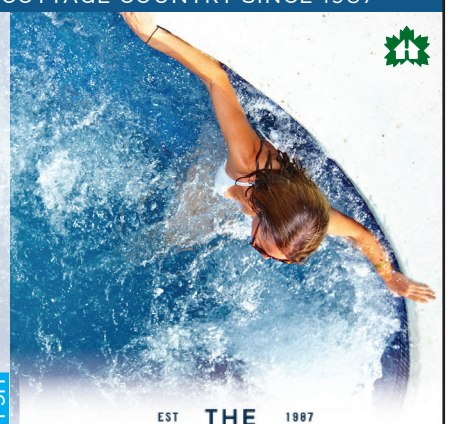

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# Dave Burton is new county warden

**CHAD INGRAM**
*Staff Reporter*

Haliburton County has a new warden.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton was inaugurated as the county's warden for 2009 at a ceremony in the county council chambers on December 16.

Burton was nominated for the position by Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner, who described Burton as "easy to work with."

The nomination was seconded by Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch.

"I know Dave can do this for us," Murdoch said. "You have to really care. If you're going to do the job right, you've got to get around to see all the people."

No other nominations were made and Burton took the position by acclamation.

After reciting the warden's oath of office, he took the podium to give a short acceptance speech.

"I won't let you down," Burton told the room, which included dozens of guests.

Burton said among his priorities for the upcoming year would be updating the county's official plan, pursuing environmentally

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MATT JAMES/Echo

**That's right! Only two more days till Christmas!**

Kindergarten students Emma Tidey covers her eye while Dante Wilson holds up two fingers in Stuart Baker Elementary School's annual Christmas concert on December 18. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 displayed their talents with a little help from their teachers. For more Christmas concert capers turn to page 23.

# Toronto to discover Haliburton is one of a kind

**JENN WATT**
*Staff Reporter*

Local artists Sandi Luck and Charles O'Neil are two of the 24 artists from Eastern Ontario chosen to attend the Spring 2009 One of a Kind show in Toronto.

The artists are being sponsored by the federal government.

MP Barry Devolin recognized the two Haliburton artists for their unique products at Heritage House Café Thursday afternoon during an announcement of the $125,000 project.

"As an MP … I appreciate the special flavour artists and artisans [bring] to this community," Devolin said.

Funding for the 24 artists, along with market readiness workshops, was a project that originated in Haliburton with the Haliburton County Development Corporation. Jim Blake, community economic development co-ordinator, along with HCDC vice-chairperson Barb Bolin, conceived of a program that would make a special place for Eastern Ontario artists at the One of a Kind show.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for people to take the next leap in their work," Bolin said at Heritage House Café.

She thanked the federal government for the money and Blake for being the "perfect stick handler" on the project.

The two said they wanted to create an export market for Haliburton, and Eastern Ontario, art and this is just the beginning of a concerted effort.

At the show there will be a designated section for Eastern Ontario that shoppers can wan-

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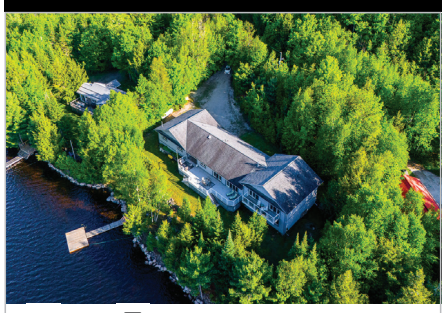

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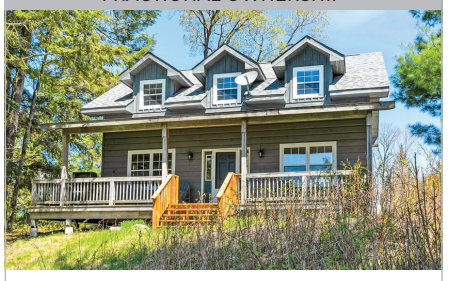

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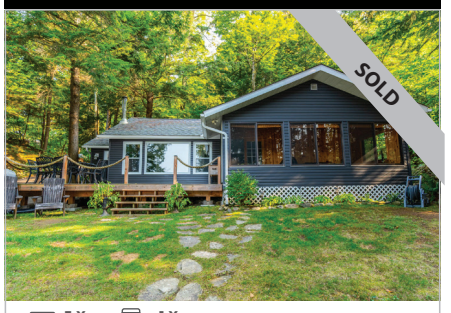


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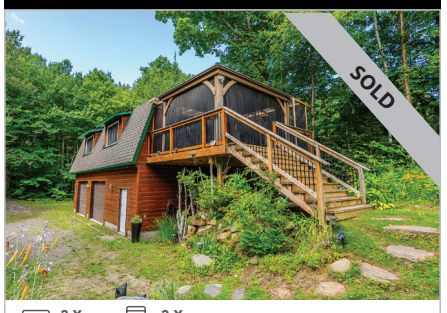


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